

46,000,000 POUNDS OF BEEF IS HIDDEN AWAY EACH MONTH

Prices Are Expected to Be Raised Still More in a Few Weeks.

WAR IS A POOR EXCUSE.

Wholesaler Has Novel Reason for Price Boost—It's "Prosperity."

An investigation of the reports of the United States Department of Agriculture and other sources of information, such as reports of Western packers, show that the present extraordinary accumulation of meat in 1917 warehouses throughout the country is entirely without precedent, though it was first believed the record of Jan. 1—706,121,437 pounds—had been equalled some twenty years ago.

The reports also show, that in the monthly reports of the Agricultural Department, that the big packers and other dealers in beef, pork, lamb and mutton are storing away frozen beef at the rate of 40,000,000 pounds a month and cured beef at approximately 6,000,000 a month.

A comparison of the report covering the month of November, published on Dec. 1 of last year, with the report covering up to Jan. 1 of the present year, shows the increase as follows:

	Nov. 1, 1916	Nov. 1, 1917
Cured Beef	222,000,000	222,000,000
Frozen Beef	1,000,000,000	1,000,000,000
Other Beef	1,000,000,000	1,000,000,000

The actual increase of frozen beef for the twenty-seven business days from Dec. 1 to Jan. 1 was forty-six million and some odd thousand pounds; for cured beef six million and some odd thousand pounds.

PRICKING THE BUBBLE OF THE WAR-DEMAND EXCUSE.

Though not all of the big packing houses claimed that any considerable quantity of the reserve on hand is being held for bids from European countries, it was generally put forth as an excuse that such was the case. But a searching inquiry into this phase of the subject, a study of the reports for the last six months for instance, shows that at no time these days would it be possible for the packers or speculators to send abroad above 10,000,000 pounds a week. At this rate it would take at least two years to exhaust the reserve supply in the 1917 warehouses.

Even at the end of one year there would still be left in the warehouses enough beef, pork, lamb and mutton to supply every family in the country with from 25 to 30 pounds a week.

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MURDER OF BAFF, CONFESSIONS SHOW, COST OVER \$20,000

Conspiracy Against "Poultry King" Started a Year Before His Death.

Confessions and statements in possession of District Attorney Swann, made by several men concerned in the murder of Barnett Baff, "poultry king," show that the conspiracy against Baff was first started the year before his death and cost his business rivals, those who were in the conspiracy against him, in West Washington Market, upward of \$20,000.

During the year before Baff's death an attempt was made to wreck him financially by setting fire to his stores, by blowing up his home with bombs and stealing his stock. His death, so the statements in the District Attorney's office show, was hastened by a business announcement he made in the early part of November, 1914, that he would underwrite his competitors even if he had to lose money by doing so.

Live turkeys were then selling wholesale at 19 cents a pound. Baff, in order to make good his boast, cut the price to cents a pound, with the result that his competitors were forced to follow. All indignities and their hatred of Baff was intensified. The District Attorney's records show that at a conference the night the announcement was made it was decided to kill Baff quickly.

It is charged in the indictments against the six men indicted yesterday that all attended this conference. Antonio Cardinale, who, the District Attorney says, did not confess his part in the killing of Baff until it was proved to him that others had implicated him, has told the District Attorney all about this conference.

The six men, William Simon, Joseph Cohen, Jacob Cohen, Abraham Graft, David Jacobs and Moe Rosenstien are in the toms. They will be arraigned before Judge Mulqueen to plead to the indictments Monday.

PREACHER SOLD MORPHINE AS CURE; HELD AS DEALER

Narcotic Squad Declares the Rev. Mr. Richie Violated the Drug Laws.

The strangest case discovered in years by the police Narcotic Squad is that of the Rev. William N. Richie, of 105 St. James Place, Brooklyn. He is a retired Presbyterian clergyman, who for fifteen years, as he declares, has been curing drug addicts of their terrible affliction.

Mr. Richie was arrested yesterday and he will be tried at Special Sessions next Wednesday. Detective Greer last Wednesday told a physician not far from Mr. Richie's home that he was a drug addict seeking a cure. He swears the doctor sold him a bottle of the mixture dispensed by Mr. Richie. Greer got a letter next day from Mr. Richie asking him to call. He went to Mr. Richie's house yesterday, he swears, and without any prescription bought from him another bottle of the remedy, which was not labeled and which on analysis proved to contain fifty-four grains of morphine.

WITNESSES MUST ANSWER IN NEW HUNT FOR "LEAK"

Congress Adopts Resolution That Will Force Lawson and Others to Give Names and Facts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Complete reopening of the House note leak probe was decided on today at a meeting of the Rules Committee. The committee announced it would subpoena in addition to Thomas W. Lawson the New York brokerage firm of Lockwood & Co., Donald McDonald, who is alleged to have given information to Lawson; James T. Kelly, managing editor of the Wall Street Journal; E. W. McKinnon, Chicago broker, and perhaps half a dozen or a dozen other witnesses.

A resolution drafted by the Rules Committee to compel witnesses in the "leak" inquiry to answer all questions in relation to the investigation was adopted without objection today by the House.

NEW WAR ON SPITTERS.

Warning Given of Violent Prosecutions After Monday Morning. Persons who spit in public places will be arrested and prosecuted after Monday morning. Health Commissioner Emerson gave warning this afternoon. Violations of the ordinance against spitting are increasing, he finds, in spite of the many notices posted in public places.

Sixty sanitary inspectors and forty policemen warned thousands of persons Thursday, and on Friday served summonses on 200 offenders. Today they caught 137 more. These will be arraigned in court Monday morning.

"Treatment offenders are liable to imprisonment," said the Commissioner. "Out of 1,261 persons arrested last year only 26 were discharged."

LIVING IN NEW JERSEY WOMAN HELD UP, ROBBED OF \$500; BIG CROWD NEAR

"New Jersey Used to Raise a Lot of Products, Now the Products Are Raising New Jersey"—"All the Powder Towns Sprang Up Like Mushrooms and Act Like Toadstools"—"Mosquitoes Wear Rubber Tips on Their Beaks to Keep Them From Harpooning a Keg of Powder."

By Arthur "Bugs" Baer.

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Up until the time that Europe started acting like a bear with a fan wheel, New Jersey was a peaceful young State. New Jersey used to raise a lot of products. Now the products are raising New Jersey. Ever since Mr. du Pont established a flock of branch offices throughout Jersey an explosion attracts about as much attention as a derby hat in December. It's getting so that folks along the Atlantic seaboard feel lonely unless they get a daily earful of some New Jersey village escaping from New Jersey via the detonation route.

The folks who instituted the safe and sane Fourth stuff apparently forgot that there were 364 other days in the almanac. Between mosquitoes, constables and munitions a tourist is just as safe in New Jersey as he would be in a den of jaguars that have just completed a Diet Squad test on proteins and calories. All of the Jersey powder towns sprang up like mushrooms and act like toadstools. Not since the boom towns of Alaska and Cripple Creek have cities sprung up as they have in New Jersey. But unlike the boom towns of the gold fever days, Jersey's powder towns have the boom on the other end. A boom used to start the mining towns, but a powder town finishes with a boom.

The high cost of living has caused everything to go up, including large sections of New Jersey. When a man buys a building lot in that State he doesn't have to wait for the lot to come to him. None of the "skooter" lot buyers have any use for a railroad time table any more. They just look up the explosion schedule. They don't buy round trip tickets either. They ride to New York on a high-powered blast and take the trolley back again. If they are late to work they blame it on the negligent powder foreman who forget to smoke his cigar in the nitro-glycerine department.

A man who wants a divorce in Jersey doesn't have to go to the expense of suing his wife for a separation. He just hangs around until some workman picks his teeth with a match near the dynamite booth in the powder bazaar. Then he gets separated faster than a boob and his money. No genuine Jerseyite would think of sitting down to breakfast without a gyroscopic stabilizer attached to his vest. He never knows when some robust powder expert is going to kick a can of T. N. T. for a field goal. And it annoys a Jersey citizen to violate safely back to earth and discover that he lost all the pieces of his knife. Spoils his appetite to think that an ordinary explosion should make his hand tremble that much. Every pedestrian in the State across the Hudson is required to take out an aviator's license.

It begins to look as if the State Legislature will change the State motto to "E Pluribus Bombs" or "In Hoc Signo Bang," or something equally and appropriate. At present, Jersey has no State flower, but a sky-rocket or a pinwheel would be rather apt. If the explosion is to be chronic, they might as well be incorporated in the State charter. It appears from the present conditions of Jersey politics as if the next Governor would be elected on the nitro-glycerine ticket. He should be nominated by an overwhelming plurality of about ten thousand explosions.

New Jersey has the finest streets in the world. Citizens are never out of the ground long enough to wear 'em out.

One of the big explosions occurred at midnight and knocked all the folks out of bed. Which illustrates the difficulty between New Jersey and New York. It knocked all the Jerseyites out of bed, but it simply knocked the New Yorkers off their chairs.

All the mosquitoes are required to wear rubber tips on their beaks. This is to prevent 'em from harpooning a keg of powder and starting an explosion before schedule time.

Powder is dangerous, but the risk is preferable to a shiny nose.